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Note verbale dated 3 August 2000 from the Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) and has the honour to report to him, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Council resolution 1306 (2000), that Belgium immediately took the steps required to implement the obligations set out in paragraph 1 of that resolution.

On the very date on which this resolution was adopted, the Belgian competent authorities took the necessary measures to block all imports of rough diamonds from Sierra Leone. The issuance of import licenses is suspended and existing licenses are cancelled. Rough diamonds from Sierra Leone imported into Belgium after 5 July 2000 are seized by the Customs Administration. Two parcels of diamonds have already been seized in this manner. In the framework of the European Union, a community regulation is being prepared in order to implement the embargo.

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